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Production capacity was increased, especially for casting iron, for industrial tools, insulating material, ceramic plumbing fixtures, woolen cloth, athletic shoes, and for fruit processing. Productivity increased 17 percent. Republic industry in Slovenia met its 1948 production plan 105.5 percent in value, 101.4 percent in quantity, and 91.5 percent in assortment. Republic coal mines and power plants met their production plans 96 and 102.5 percent respectively.

Among the important products made in 1948 which had not been made previously in Yugoslavia are chemicals for leather factories, equipment for protecting plants, ceramic plumbing fixtures, electroporcelain utensils for the textile industry, aniline dyes for cotton, etc., mechanical wrenches and pincers, scales for railroad cars, bathroom stoves, pumps, tractor plows, and other machinery. The prototype of a typewriter has been perfected. Preparatory work toward the manufacture of bicycles is being done. A special laboratory glass has been manufactured in small quantities. Pure cultures of yeasts and photographic gelatine have been made. Buttons, combs, insulating material, tools, and other consumer goods are being manufactured in the factory at Lesce.

Ivan Regent, Slovenian Minister of Labor, announced that twice as many workers were employed in Slovenia in 1948 as in 1945.

Joze Potrc, Minister of Education, reported that 55 seven-year schools were opened in Slovenia in 1948 and that 125 more will be opened in 1949. Enrollment in the University has reached 4,626 instead of the 4,000 planned for 1948.

IMPROVEMENTS IN LOCAL PRODUCTION -- Narodni List, No 1114, 8 Jan 49

This year many local enterprises will be expanded and new ones begun in Sisak 3rez in Croatia. A local industrial enterprise founded recently in Lekenik will receive a sawmill, a machine and blacksmith shop, and several other workshops. The installation of electric engines to speed up production is now being completed.

New circular kilns, which will substantially increase the production of bricks during the coming season, are being built in the brickyards in Gladovo and Zazina.

Agricultural cooperatives also are showing progress. The cooperatives in Cusce and Prelosica have founded cooperative workshops. The cooperative in Prelosica has opened a cooperative sawmill and purchased equipment for a mill at a cost of 270,000 dinars.

VOLUNTEER LABOR PROJECTS -- Slobodna Dalmacija, No 1232, 12 Jan 49

According to the 1949 working plan of the Oblast Committee of the People's Front of Croatia for Dalmatia, the Front organizations will donate:

1. For building aqueducts and canals, 20,800 man-days and 480 vehicle-days.
2. For electrification and power plants, 1,150 man-days and 40 vehicle-days.

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3. For draining fields, 33,500 man-days and 600 vehicle-days.
4. For construction on shores and shore installations, 49,400 man-days and 1,350 vehicle-days.
5. For construction of dams, 15,450 man-days and 880 vehicle-days.
6. For laying out collective farms, 20,000 man-days and 250 vehicle-days.
7. For clearing wreckage, 13,550 man-days and 1,650 vehicle-days.
8. For construction of housing and other buildings, 108,800 man-days and 6,950 vehicle-days.
9. For construction and maintenance of school buildings, 83,500 man-days and 5,000 vehicle-days.
10. For repair of streets and highways, 128,300 man-days and 8,100 vehicle-days.
11. For construction of cisterns, 21,900 man-days and 1,500 vehicle-days.
12. For bridge construction and culverts, 13,300 man-days and 930 vehicle-days.
13. For construction and repair of sidewalks, 1,400 man-days and 25 vehicle-days.
14. For construction and arrangement of parks and settlements and for other communal works, 23,400 man-days and 350 vehicle-days.
15. For construction of children's playground, 14,550 man-days and 250 vehicle-days.
16. For construction of stadiums, 44,300 man-days and 650 vehicle-days.
17. For day nurseries, 2,600 man-days and 100 vehicle-days.

1949 PLEDGES OF PEOPLE'S FRONT OF CROATIA -- Slobodna Dalmacija, No 1232, 12 Jan 49

The People's Front of Croatia for Dalmatia has pledged, during 1949, to collect 366,100 kilograms of iron, 32,300 kilograms of other metals, 28,000 kilograms of paper, and 28,000 kilograms of textiles.

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